

**George Washington to Thomas Jefferson, January 4,  
1791, from Thomas Jefferson and the National Capital.  
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**Washington to Jefferson**

*Tuesday [ January 4,9 1791.]*

9 This date could also be Jan. 24, 1791, *post*.

WASHINGTON TO JEFFERSON.

The P. begs to see Mr. Jefferson before he proceeds further in the Proclamation. From a more attentive examination of some Papers, in his possession, he finds that it is in his power to ascertain the course and distance from the Court House in Alexandria to the upper and lower end of the canal at the little Falls with as much accuracy as can be known from *Common* Surveying if not to mathematical truth.

If Mr. Jefferson is not engaged with other matters the President will be at home at nine Oclock.

[P. 191, WRITINGS OF WASHINGTON, Fitzpatrick, Vol. 31.]